GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, COOPERATION AND FARMERS WELFARE

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1286 TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 18TH DECEMBER, 2018

CONVERSION OF SALINE LAND TO CULTIVABLE LAND

1286. SHRI SANJAY KAKA PATIL:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to make a provision to increase the per hectare amount provided under Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana-Remunerative Approaches for Agriculture and Allied Sector Rejuvenation (RKVY-RAFTAAR) scheme to convert saline land into cultivable land under Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether any problem is being faced in the said task due to provision of inadequate per hectare amount under the said scheme;
- (c) if so, the provision being made by the Government to address the said problem;
- (d) whether there is any proposal to frame new rules in this regard; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (SHRI PARSHOTTAM RUPALA)

(a) to (e): No, Madam. Reclamation of Problem Soils (alkali/saline & acid) is implemented as a sub-scheme of Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY) on pilot basis from 2016-17 in States that have a greater problem of soil reclamation. The scheme envisages reclamation of alkali/saline soils at an overall unit cost of Rs.60,000/ha. There is no proposal for revision of cost norms of the scheme.
